

# WILL

## Jeff Audley

Monday, 18 September 1503

In the name of God, amen. 18 September 1503, I Jeff Audley, of Earls Colne in the Diocese of London, being in good and whole mind, make my testament and last will in this wise. First, I give and bequeath my soul to almighty God, my maker and to our lady Saint Mary and to all the company of heaven my body, to be buried in the churchyard of Colne aforesaid next to the sepulchre of my mother.

I give and bequeath to the high altar of the same church for my tithes and offerings forgotten *12d*.

I bequeath to the mother church of Paul's *12d*.

I will that all my copy lands and free lands in the town aforesaid be put in the hands of my four feoffees by the licence of the lord. Which names of the said feoffees are Sir William Chopet, vicar there, Walter Tether, Robert Biston, and William Beldethere. To have these lands receiving yearly the service for to pay and content my debts well and truly, and to keep the reparations of the same tenement and the barn and of all the houses belonging to the same land called Heyhouse of the said town of Colne aforesaid, provided always that when my debts be paid and content then I will a priest be found with the service of the same. A year after that is done, then I will that my feoffees shall give estate again to my two sons; that is for to say Thomas Awdeleigh the elder and to Thomas Awdeleigh the younger, brother unto the said Thomas. And so be that either of them die afore the other, the elder son to have all and if it happen both die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, then I will it shall remain to my brother William Awdeleigh, mine executor, and he to have it and to his children of his body lawfully begotten, finding a priest a year to read and sing for me, my wife's, my children's, and for all my good friends' souls in the church of Colne aforesaid. And so be my brother William die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I will these foresaid lands to be sold to the most advantage that it can be and £10 thereof I will it shall go to the church of Colne aforesaid for to do such good deeds of charity with all. And that all my friends may be remembered and the residue of the money left, I will it be distributed among my sister Ann's children of Cocksall and to my brother William's daughters.

I will that the marsh lying under Brokhowse Garden shall go to that intent for to keep mine *obit* with all for evermore.

I will that my sister, Christian Badcok, shall have her dwelling in the house called the Tavernterm of her life and also I will she have yearly a hundredweight wood and twelve bushels of wheat and rye and two seams of barley out of the farm of Heyhouse aforesaid.

I will that my house that I dwell in to be sold by mine executor and my children and the money thereof to help perform my will and pay part of my debts.

I will that mine executor and my children shall receive all my debts that be owing to me for costs and charges many ways

I will mine executor and my children to sell my cattle and my corn to help perform my will.

I will that John Wheler the younger have a mattress, a pair of blankets, a pair of sheets and a coverlet, a little girdle harnessed with silver, and two silver spoons.

I will that Agnes Wheler, sister unto the said John, have a kirtle, a harnessed girdle, and two silver spoons. The residue of my goods and hostilments I will it be distributed among my two sons and my brother William, mine executor.

I ordain and desire Master Prior of Earls Colne, if it may please him, to be my supervisor, and he to have for his great labour 20s and also I make mine executor my brother William Awdeleigh, and he to have for his labour 20s. In witness hereof Sir William Chapet, Vicar of Colne, Edward Wastlyn, and Agnes Stone, with others, dated the day and year abovesaid.

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